



Department of Fire Services  
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy  
Senior Fire Officer Forum

## 2014 SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM SERIES

### MASSACHUSETTS LAW AND THE FIRE SERVICE

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Course Number:  
200-014-683 Session A

Location:  
UMASS Police  
Headquarters  
585 Pleasant Street,  
Amherst, MA

Time:  
1000-1500

Course Fee:  
\$20.00  
Check or money order  
made out to  
"MFA Trust Fund"

Notes:  
Applications must include  
payment.

Walk-ins will not be  
allowed.

Lunch will be provided.

This program is designed to provide both chief officers and first line supervisors with information related to various aspects of the Massachusetts General Laws that impact the fire service. Topics include:

- Public Records Law
- Discussion of recent case law and rulings of the Automatic Sprinkler Appeals Board; and practicing before the Board
- Enforcement duties under M.G.L. c. 148: The Courts, Lawyers and You
- Negligence liability for the fire official and the MA Tort Claims Act
- Legal Potpourri:
  - Social Media
  - Strong Chief / Weak Chief
  - Mutual aid under M.G.L. c. 148
  - CDL driving requirements
  - Legal questions you were afraid to ask

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#### Registration

There is a \$20.00 course fee. Please complete the DFS / MFA standard application

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/dfs2/mfa-trng/mfa-applications-forms-and-policies.html> and include a check or money order made out to "MFA Trust Fund" with your application. Mail to: Registration - SFOF, P.O. Box 1025, State Road, Stow, MA 01775